Science Education in Karnataka

2849. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought clearance of its ninth phase proposals under Centrally sponsored scheme of Improvement of Science Education;

(b) if so, the details of the amount released so far during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount of Rs. 700.00 lakhs requested for has not been released; and

(d) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal for Rs. 700.00 lakhs under its ninth phase under the Centrally sponsored scheme, "Improvement of Science Education in Schools".

During 2001-2002, this Department has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 528.22 lakhs to the State Government for implementation of the scheme after adjustment of unspent balances etc.

No other financial grant has been sanctioned to the State Government of Karnataka during the last three years under this scheme.